



★ **Commander's
Comments** ★
by Ron Udell

The year is more than half over as summer begins to whine down (except for the heat), the days have become a little shorter, and most of you have taken a vacation and, hopefully, are somewhat rested for a while from the daily chores of life. The new school year is also about to start for some, but we need to remember that we still have a couple of things that are ongoing. We must continue to remember our ancestors--our great, great grandfathers and uncles, the Confederate heritage that they left us and the Confederate Monument on Broad Street. The Confederate Dead sections and Generals' graves at Magnolia Cemetery continue to need our attention.

Dues invoices will soon be in our mail boxes, and they will be due before the October 31st deadline. Remember that if your dues are late you will not only have to pay National a late fee but will also have to pay the Georgia Division a late fee too.

And lastly, let us keep in mind the memorial service and funeral on October 27th for the 13 Officers of the "Immortal 600" who were thrown in a hole at Fort Pulaski and forgotten. Plus, for those interested, there are always a few re-enactments later in the fall, and we have the canal boat tours also. The Peanut Festival in Brooklet, Georgia on August 18th and the Oliver Hardy Festival usually the first weekend in

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Flying High and Proud

This large Confederate battle flag, sponsored by the Georgia Division SCV, flies on a sixty foot pole on the highest point in Richmond County. Erected on Compatriot Lonnie Bargerons' property on Wheeler Road through the efforts of Compatriot Stan Scritchfield, the flag was raised on July 1st and can be seen from Interstate 20. The flag is flown as a memorial to our Confederate armed forces and in tribute to our beloved Southland.

Georgia Division Shares Gen. AP Hill Award for Most New Camps

SCV Holds International Reunion in Tennessee

During the 2012 International Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans held in Murfreesboro, Tennessee last month, attending compatriots voted down Amendment 1 which would allow camps to secede from their Division while approving Amendment 3 which dealt with a minor wording change to section 13.4 which relates to disciplinary measures. Standing Order Amendment One which would require camps to maintain an official email address with National Headquarters was withdrawn while Standing Order Amendment Two, which clarifies the language dealing with the prohibition of SCV members, camps and divisions from filing lawsuits without prior express consent of the GEC, was approved.

Michael Givens of South Carolina and Kelly Barrow of Georgia were re-elected to their respective positions of Commander-in-Chief and Lt. Commander in Chief. Army of Tennessee Commander Tom Strain of Tennessee and Councilman Larry McCluney of Mississippi will continue to serve in their positions as well. Gene Hogan of South Carolina is now the new Chief of Heritage Defense replacing Dr. Tom Hiter.

The award for the most distinguished SCV Camp was presented to Finley's Brigade Camp #1614 in Havana, Florida and the award for the best historical project was presented to the Litchfield Camp #132 in Conway, South Carolina. The Col. Bradford/Rose Camp #1638 of Morristown, Tennessee was presented the award for most new members (39+) while the Georgia and North Carolina Divisions shared the award

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Last Camp Meeting

George W. Martin Speaks on his Book, "I Will Give Them One More Shot: Ramsey's First Regiment Georgia Volunteers"

During the June meeting of the Alexander Camp, Mr. George W. Martin spoke on his book, *I Will Give Them One More Shot: Ramsey's First Regiment Georgia Volunteers*. A native of northern New Hampshire who previously resided in Florida and re-enacted with the 7th Florida Infantry, Martin attended Embry Riddle University and now calls western North Carolina home. His great-grandfather's brother served in Ramsey's First Georgia Regiment.

Martin discussed the regiment from its formation in Macon, which included several companies from Richmond County, to Pensacola, Richmond, western Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. He described its success at Laurel Hill and Rich Mountain in the Allegheny Mountains followed by its tumultuous retreat and rear guard fights at Kalers and Corricks Ford. During the retreat, six companies were isolated and became lost in the Fork Mountain wilderness starving to the point of cannibalism. The regiment served under Gen. Lee at Cheat Mountain, participated in the Confederate victory at Greenbriar River, and endured ice and snow on marches to Bath, Hancock and Romney. At Romney, where the unit suffered in isolated winter quarters, the Georgians nearly mutinied. Martin stated the unit mustered out in March 1862 and subsequently joined other commands.

Following his informative presentation, Mr. Martin was presented a framed photograph of the Confederate Powder Works chimney by Cmdr. Udell.

During the meeting, **Lawrence Henderson** joined the Alexander Camp on the record of his great great grandfather, Pvt. Wallace Henderson who served in Co. K, 10th Georgia Infantry Regiment.

Cmdr. Udell thanked all those who participated in the US Memorial Day service held on May 28th and those who attended the recent Georgia Division Reunion in Bainbridge. He stated only 37 of the 111 camps in the Division were represented at the reunion. Udell reported that Mike Mull lost his battle for re-election as Second Lt Cmdr South while both Jack Bridwell and Tim Pilgrim were re-elected to their subsequent positions. The proposed fee of \$3 for late Division dues was passed unanimously, and the use of license plate funds to restore

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Important Dates to Remember:

Coming Events:

9 August: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp #158 Meeting
Topic: Georgia's Confederate Monuments
7:00 PM
Sconyers Barbecue

18 August: Brooklet, Ga. Peanut Festival

7-9 September: Maryland, My Maryland re-enactment

<http://www.marylandcampaign150.org/Reenactment.html>

6 October: Oliver Hardy Festival
Harlem, Georgia

27 October: Dedication of "Immortal 600"
Monument
Fort Pulaski, Ga.

Notable Confederate Birthdays:

10 August: Lt Gen John C. Pemberton

12 August: MGen John H. Forney

14 August: BGen Clement "Rock" Stevens*

19 August: MGen John P. McCown

21 August: BGen. William Barksdale*

3 September: BGen States Rights Gist*

6 September: **Col Francis S. Bartow***

5 September: Ben. Tyree H. Bell
MGen William "Extra Billy" Smith

7 September: MGen Howell Cobb II

9 September: MGen Martin Luther Smith

10 September: **MGen Joseph Wheeler II**

*Died in CSA Service

the Bulloch County Confederate Monument in Statesboro and for financing Division Sesquicentennial radio messages were approved. He stated the legal battle for the return of the Confederate battle flag to Ringgold Station was ongoing.

Lt Cmdr Herron stated last month's speaker, Johnny Pearson, sent the Camp a thank you note for its hospitality.

Prior to the meeting, prayers were requested for the Miller Family, David Powell, Philip Weaver, Ernie Franklin, John Gibbons, Jules Godin, Jim Kirshner, Roy Stampley, Fred Bussey's son, David, and Stan Scritchfield's grandson.

The meeting was adjourned by Commander Udell. After the benediction, the camp sang *Dixie*.

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for the most new camps with five each. The Army of the Trans-Mississippi with 12 new camps was presented the Gen. Johnston Award for the Army with the greatest gain in new camps. Next year's reunion is scheduled to be held on July 17-20th in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Heritage



REPORT

Tea Party's Inclusion of Confederate Flag on Float in New Mexico Parade Rankles the Politically Correct

The Las Cruces, New Mexico Tea Party entered a float in the city's nighttime Las Electric Light Parade on July 3, 2012 which featured a number of historic flags that have flown over the state of New Mexico. The float won first place; however the prize of \$1000 was withheld because the float featured a rectangular Confederate battle flag.

Sadly, the flag's presence on the float irked the politically correct politicians and corporate sponsors. Mayor Ken Miyagishima, in a statement, apologized for the flag's presence stating "to have this symbol and what it represents highlighting the winning float at a celebration of our nation's independence is an outrage..." El Paso Electric, the parade's sponsor, also released a statement saying they were "surprised and outraged at the selection for an award of a float that contained a Confederate flag" and warned they would not support the parade in the future unless the city prevented such in the future. Interestingly, doing such would violate the First Amendment to the Constitution, the right of free speech.

While the first national flag of the Confederacy, the "Stars and Bars", would have been more historically accurate, Jo Wall, secretary of the Las Cruces Tea Party, defended the flag's inclusion and stated it was critical to the theme of the parade, "New Mexico's History" She stated the flag was featured "because it's history, and you can't change history. I know they're trying to, but you can't."

As part of Arizona Territory, present day southern New Mexico seceded on 16 March 1861 in nearby Mesilla. Confederate troops captured New Mexico's capitol of Santa Fe in 1862 and established a presence until later that year.

In light of the Mayor's statements, thousand of emails have poured into his office and to the local newspaper, primarily from the disgruntled Southerners, defending the inclusion of the flag on the float. Please consider writing the Mayor at the following email address and tell him why our history should not be censored: mayor@las-cruces.org

Cost Breakdown for Annual SCV Dues:

SCV National Dues	\$30.00
Georgia Division Dues	\$12.00
Camp #158 Dues	<u>\$9.00</u>
Total:	\$51.00

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in October are right around the corner for those who look forward to them. So let's do what we can and live The Charge.

The 117th Annual National Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion was in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 11-14th. Hats off to our Treasurer Nick Posey who agreed to go, and he will give us a quick update on the elections and the amendments that passed and failed at our next meeting. And he will pass on anything else that may have been brought up at the reunion. It was good of him to take the time and the expense to go and represent Camp #158. He does a lot for our camp behind the scenes and he lives the charge. Thanks Nick!

And as usual, Ken Kitchens has Confederate Powder Works fly ash bottles for sale to supplement our project fund. Also remember that we have pavers for the Confederate Monument for sale too.

I hope everyone has had a chance to go by and see the new Georgia Division flag pole and the new flag that was put into service July 1st on Wheeler Road on Compatriot Lonnie Bargerons property (across from Sonic Drive-In on Wheeler Road near Frontage Rd. and I-20.) Hats off to Mr. Lonnie and Compatriot Stan Scritchfield for getting it done! Stan did a lot of leg work to make this happen. And if you know where to look and if the wind is blowing, you can see the flag from I-20.

And also remember those that have been on our prayer list--most recently Compatriot John Givens recovering from hip surgery after a fall.

Our next meeting will be August 9th. Our speaker will be Gould B. Hagler, Jr. and he will speak on the topic, "Georgia's Confederate Monuments." Please plan to be at Sconyers Barbeque and to remember our Southern heritage and to support our Camp and its activities when possible. We have a lot going on and you will miss something if you don't come. **Remember the Charge! God Bless the South!**

Explanation of SCV Dues

by Nick Posey

If you haven't received your annual SCV dues invoice in the mail already, you should receive it soon. If you do not receive a dues invoice by August 31st, please contact Adjutant Nick Posey.

This is what you'll be paying for annual membership dues based on your status:

Regular Members:	\$51.00 for SCV National & Georgia Division & Camp #158 Dues
SCV National Life Members:	\$21.00 for Georgia Division & Camp #158 Dues
Georgia Division Life Members:	\$39.00 for SCV National & Camp #158 Dues
SCV National & Georgia Division Life Members:	\$9.00 for Camp#158 Dues

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Have a Happy Labor Day!

150 YEARS AGO: The Battle of Second Manassas

- 29 July 1862: Naval assault on Ft. McAllister, Georgia
 - Belle Boyd arrested as a Confederate spy; released one month later
- 2 August 1862: US Congress passes first Federal income tax
- 5 August 1862: Battle of Baton Rouge, La.
- 6 August: 1862: CSS *Arkansas* becomes inoperable, is abandoned and destroyed
- 9 August 1862: Battle of Slaughter (Cedar) Mountain; Jackson defeats Banks
- 16 August 1862: Gen. McClellan evacuates Harrison's Landing ending the Peninsula Campaign
- 17 August 1862: Gen. JEB Stuart assumes command of the cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia
- 22 August 1862: Union Gen. Benjamin Butler authorizes enlistment of free Blacks
- 27 August 1861: "Stonewall" Jackson destroys Pope's Army of Virginia supply base at Manassas
- 28-29 August 1862: Second Battle of Manassas: Gen. Lee defeats Pope
- 1 September 1862: Battle of Chantilly, Va.: Yankee Gen. Philip Kearny killed
- 3 September 1862: Confederate forces under Gen. Kirby Smith capture Frankfort, Kentucky
- 5 September 1862: The Army of Northern Virginia crosses into Maryland
- 9 September 1862: Gen. Lee issues Special Order #191 detailing his Army's invasion of the North

Right: The Battle Flag of the First South Carolina Volunteer Infantry Regiment: The unit mustered in at Columbia and was initially sent to Charleston. After its transfer to Richmond, the unit reorganized in August 1861 becoming part of Maxey Gregg's Brigade. At the battle of Second Manassas, the 1st SCVI suffered a casualty rate of 53% of its 283 men engaged having fought with "unsurpassed courage" and having nearly expended its ammunition.

Next Camp Meeting

Thursday, August 9th



at 7:00 PM

Sconyers Barbecue

Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road

Scripture Thought

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us-- yes, establish the work of our hands.

--Psalm 90: 17

